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## TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for the above-identified application please find:

- Amendment in Response to the Office Action with Exhibits A-C (8 pages); and (1)
- Return Receipt Postcard. (2)

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this paper. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1896. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is attached.

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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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